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This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION X DIVISIONAL
 CONTINUATION-IN-PART application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of
pending prior application Serial No. 10/194,015 filed on July 10, 2002
of

Shozo MURATA and Yukitoshi TAJIMA for
Inventor(s)

OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME
Title of Invention

1. X Specification - 50 pages
2. X The prior application is assigned of record to Ricoh
Company, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.
3. A verified statement to establish small entity status under
37 C.F.R. § 1.27
 is enclosed.
 was filed in the prior application and such status is
still proper and desired.
4. X The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT

	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA*		RATE		FEE			
				SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	
Total Claims	5-20	0	X	\$9	\$18	=	\$	\$0	
Independent Claims	2-3	0	X	\$43	\$86	=	\$	\$0	
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented	<u>Yes</u> <u> </u> No			\$145	\$290	=	\$	\$0	
*If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2				BASIC FEE		\$385.00	\$770.00		
				TOTAL FEE		\$770.00			

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5. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17.

7. Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

8. Cancel claims 1-93.

9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

10. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

A copy of the application as amended by the preliminary amendment, which is believed to be in compliance with the Patent Office's electronic filing system requirements, is enclosed, and applicant hereby requests publication of the subject application based upon the copy of the amended application.

11. 12 Sheet(s) of informal formal drawing(s) is/are enclosed.

12. Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d), of the following foreign application(s):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Certified Copy</u>
<u>11-31723</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>February 9, 1999</u>	<u>Submitted in Serial No. 09/499,496</u>
<u>11-190423</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>July 5, 1999</u>	<u>Submitted in Serial No. 09/499,496</u>
<u>11-259806</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>September 14, 1999</u>	<u>Submitted in Serial No. 09/499,496</u>
<u>11-298526</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>October 20, 1999</u>	<u>Submitted in Serial No. 09/499,496</u>
<u>11-298738</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>October 20, 1999</u>	<u>Submitted in Serial No. 09/499,496</u>

13. Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), of the following United States provisional application(s):

<u>Provisional Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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14. Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §120, of the following United States Application(s), or Section 365 of any PCT International Application(s) designating the United States:

Appl. Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
10/194,015	July 10, 2002	Pending
09/499,496	February 7, 2000	U.S. Patent No. 6,468,618

15. A copy of the power of attorney in the prior application is enclosed.

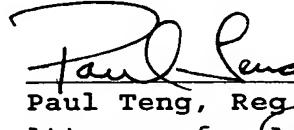
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17. Other: Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449); Express Mail Certificate of Mailing bearing label number EV325706680US dated December 2, 2003.

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I hereby certify that this divisional application of Shozo MURATA and Yukitoshi TAJIMA, filed herewith, including a copy of prior application Serial No. 10/194,015 [including 50-page specification and 12 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-12B)], a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in Serial No. 09/499,496, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449), Transmittal Letter in triplicate, a check in the amount of \$770.00 and return stamped postcard, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service “Express Mail Post Office to Addressee” service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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